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ON TORPEDOED SHIP

Leon C. Thrasher One of Ill-Fated 111 Aboard Steamer Falaba.

SHARP ISSUE RAISED, SAYS LONDON PAPER

State Department in Washington.

LONDON, March 31 .- Leon Chester Thrasher, an American citizen, was among the 111 persons who lost their lives when the British steamer Falaba was torpedoed last Sunday by a Ger-man submarine in St. George's chanpel. He was an employe of the Broomassie Mines Company and had been sent to the gold coast.

Thrasher had an American passport and in the form he was required to fill out before embarking described himself as an American citizen, but gave no American address. Inquiry at the offices of the company in London elicited the information that nothing had been heard from Thrasher.

German Reveals Intention. Passengers rescued from the Falaba

say that when the submarine ap-proached the steamer the German captain shouted in English through a megaphone: "I am going to sink you." The Daily Mail, in an editorial in con-

nection with the drowning of Thrasher. that the question whether the Washington government will permit a belligerent to destroy an unoffending passenger ship, carrying an American itizen, without giving that citizen any opportunity to escape, is raised in its sharpest form.

Lived in Massachusetts.

NEW YORK, March 31.-Leon Chester Thrasher, who was among the Falaba's passengers who perished, lived in land. His mother, Mrs. M. L. Thrasher lives there now.

The Eastern Dillon Company, bankers, of this city, transacted business with Mr. Thrasher and received from him a number of letters from time to time, the last being written at Plymouth, England, February 16. The firm did not know whether he was an American citizen, but thought that he was. Some of Mr. Thrasher's letters to his mother, it was said, were forwarded to her through the firm. In one of these letters, written early in the year, Mr. Thrasher said he had finished with the Gold Coast, and thought he would return to Hardwick within a short time.

Word to His Mother.

You can expect to see me within two three months," was the word he sent his mother, as recalled by a representa-

Little is known here of Mr. Thrasher's personal affairs. The bankers had corresponded with him at intervals. they said, while he was out of the country, and on one occasion had transmitted to him money sent from abroad for him to go to the Gold Coast, it was thought that he was unmarried. In his last letter to the firm Mr. Thrasher wrote: "You can write me at 27 Cartwright Gardens street, Pancras

Was Born in Hardwick.

HARDWICK, Mass., March 31 .-- Leon Chester Thrasher, one of the passen-gers whose lives were lost when the British steamer Falaba was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Wales last Sunday, was a citizen of the United States. He was born in this on in 1884. his was established today by his ther, Mrs. Mary L. Thrasher, Leon, said, was the second of four chil-

The next she heard of him was when he read of his death in this morn-

she read of his death in this morning's papers.

The Thrasher family has appealed to Washington to learn the circumstances of the death of Leon. Mrs. ustin M. Thrasher of West Spring-aid communicated by long-distance lephone with Representative Fredck H. Gillett, who, she said, promed to cable Ambassador Walter Hines Page at London, asking the latter for complete report on the death of her brother-in-law.

U. S. Officials Get No Report.

No report of the death of Leon C. Thrasher, an American mining engin-cer, one of the victims of the destruction of the steamer Falaba by a erman submarine, had been received the State Department today from assador Page in London. Secretary Bryan said that no inquiry

been sent by the department. He presumed that Ambassador Page ould report promptly anything re-

business, will be dropped. The State Department at Washington sires that the prosecution under a ate law be discontinued. Alfred Lun n, prosecuting attorney, who caused e arrest of the consul and his secreary, consented to the discontinuance then he learned that a federal statute revented his bringing the consul be-ore a state court. Federal courts, ac-

sording to the statute, have jurisdic-tion in all cases against consuls.

U. S. CITIZEN IS LOST WILSON TO CONFER QUIET ON BORDER, WITH D. C. HEADS

District Commissioners Ar- Only Desultory Firing During range Meeting to Discuss Municipal Affairs.

JUSTICE SIDDONS AND MAJ. PULLMAN INVITED

Insurance Matters, It

Is Stated.

Commissioners sioner Charles F. Nesbit, Raymond W. tendent of police, and Justice Siddons, former commissioner, will spend several hours with President Wilson tomorrow night telling him about District affairs. The object of the conference, which was nitiated by the Commissioners, is to give the President as complete information as being pursued by the present District

The Commissioners have had little op ortunity in the past, it is stated, to talk ully and freely with the President, whose time was devoted to national matters pending in Congress. At no time has the President been able to give over half an hour, at one time, to the heads of the District government.

Will Detail Fiscal Fight.

It is understood the Commissioners wil give the President a complete history of the fight over the fiscal relations of the District and general government which culminated in the creation of the con-gressional commission to investigate and

gressional commission to investigate and report upon the subject.
The board as a whole has no policy on this vital question, each Commissioner having his own views. When the Commissioners go before the congressional commission they will simply present facts as desired by the commission and will not undertake, it has become known, to lay an undivided opinion before the investigators.

SUCCUMBS IN LONDON

London, W. C." This was the address given by Thrasher when he filled out the passport form in England.

Noted Family of Financiers.

> LONDON, March 31, 5:40 p.m.-Lord Nathan Mayer Rothschild, head of the English branch of the Rothschild fam lly, died in London today. He had been ill for some days.

passed a rather restless night and was not quite so well this morning. This information was conveyed in this morning's bulletin and was the first intimation that the condition of Lord Rothschild was not entirely satisfac-

Leon Thrasher lived here until 1901.
When he went to Springfield to learn the machinist's trade. After completing his apprenticeship he became a raveling master mechanic, his work taking him to many parts of the world. After journeying all over the United States he went to Alaska, and later to continental Europe.

Received Letter Friday.

Mrs Thrasher received a letter from her son last Friday, in which he wrote that he would sail from Liverpool on the Falaba for Broomassie, Africa, where he had obtained a position as master mechanic in the mines.

The next she heard of him was when to some the first baron Rothschild was not entirely satisfactory.

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Received Letter Friday.

Baron Rothschild was widely known for his great wealth, and his philanthropic labors also won him fame. He had a hand

e said, which might be of interest to at United States. gan must either give away his art collections or eventually pay an in-CHARGES ARE DROPPED.

No Prosecution of Bribery Case
Against Consul and Secretary.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—The prosecution of Dr. Wilhelm Mueller, German consul at Seattle, and B. Max Schulz, his secretary, charged with conspiracy to bribe an employe of the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company to reveal secrets of his employers' business, will be dropped.

collections or eventually pay an inheritance tax to the state. Mr. Morgan had desired to bestow his art collection either upon the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the memorial at Hartford, Conn., founded by the late J. Pierpont Morgan, he could do so today by making the gift either to the city of New York or the city of Hartford.

The law provides that unless such gifts are made within two years after the death of the owner an inheritance tax must be paid.

BOSTON, March 31.—After Willard O. Wallace of Pittsburgh, an alleged confessed swindler, who took poison in the city prison yesterday, had been pronounced dead, his heart action was restored by massage and he lived in an unconscious condition three hours more before he was again declared dead.



Night on Mexican Side of Line.

U. S. INFANTRY REGIMENT HELD AT TEXAS CITY

No Report Has Been Received by the Nesbit Also to Be There to Tell of Villa Reported at Torreon Going Away From the Scene of

Hostilities.

personal charge of the situation at Brownsville, commanding the American forces stationed along the border to preserve American lives and property during the impending battle, today reported to Secretary Garrison:

"Desultory firing on both sides last night. Everything quiet today." Should more troops be necessary on the American side at Laredo, Tex., in redo, a regiment of infantry is in readiness at Texas City.

Gen. Villa apparently has abandoned his plan to personally direct the fighting at Matamoros. State Department and Carranza and Villa agency reports agree that he is at Torreon, going

agree that he is at Torreon, going south, but differ as to the reason.

The Villa agency announced that he was organizing an expedition to round up Carranza troops operating in northern Sonora near the American border.

The Carranza agency claims Villa went to Torreon to prevent Gen. Triana from going over with his entire force to Eulalio Gutlerrez, after a quarrel with Gen. Angeles.

Assembling for Battle.

Advices from the border to the State and War departments report the Villa will not undertake, it has become known, to lay an undivided opinion before the investigators.

The President will also receive information from the Commissioners as to what the public utilities commission is doing, its policies toward local untities and its general purposes in that direction in the future. The Commissioners believe that in their work regarding local utilities they have followed to a large extent the lnes employed by President Wilson when he was Governor of New Jersey.

May Talk Insurance.

The presence at the conference of Mr. Nesbit will, it is expected, lead to a discussion of the policy of the Commissioners as to insurance concerns doing business in the District, Mr. Pulman will also explain, it is believed, something of his intentiona as to the police force of the District.

The conference on the whole may have an important bearing in the future upon the President's attitude to District matters going before him.

ed to reach Lampazos last evening. "where a battle probably will be fought." Earlier messages said Carranza troops were being assembled at Nuevo Laredo, including the force refugalt. Earlier messages said Carranza troops were being assembled at Nuevo Laredo, including the force refugalt. "Earlier messages said Carranza troops were being assembled at Nuevo Laredo, including the force refugalt." Earlier messages said Carranza troops were being assembled at Nuevo Laredo, including the force refugalt propers. Nuevo Laredo, including the force refugalt propers sast toops were being assembled at Nuevo Laredo, including the force refugalt propers sast toops were being assembled at Nuevo Laredo, including the force refugalt valve out of Piedra Negras. The grand presumably a part of this force will and presu "where a battle probably will be

but with no disorders" No report tending to confirm statements that the Zapata forces were preparing to abandon the capital again had reached the tent bombarament of several Turkish the Bosporus by the Russian Black sea department.

department.

The food situation is again somewhat critical, Mr. Bryan said, but Gen. Garza has given assurances that something will be done to meet the emergency.

Reports from the border that Villa had demanded of Zapata that Gen. Felipe Angeles be installed as provisional president in place of Gen. Garza caused considerable discussion here. Gen. Villa was at Torreon, and expected to start southward in a day or two.

Some officials were inclined to credit the reported action of Villa, saying

Some officials were inclined to credit the reported action of Villa, saying that he probably considered that Gen. Garza was coming too much under the control of Zapata and his advisers, and that Gen. Angeles could dominate the situation in the capital.

No foreigners have yet left Mexico City, Secretary Bryan said, although both the Carranza and Zapata officials have promised to afford them facilities.

have promised to afford them facilities to reach Vera Cruz. A report from the latter place said El Potrera sugar plantation, sixty miles from Vera Cruz, had been looted by a rebel band, and the manager had asked for a military

ARTILLERY AT BROWNSVILLE.

Will Protect Texas Border City When Mexicans Attack Matamoros. BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 31

Three batteries of the United States 3d Field Artillery arrived here early to

Herts. He was also a lover of art, and his collection of art works is very well known.

Baron Rothschild was the first member of the Jewish faith ever elected to the British parliament, where he represented Aylesbury from 1865 to 1855, resented Aylesbury from They did not attack in force, their purpose being apparently to test the strength of the forces behind the entrenchments. No Villa cannon were fired during this skirmish. The cannon shots came from the Matamoros garrison.

VILLA DEFEAT REPORTED.

Forces Said to Have Suffered Heavy Loss in Recent Battle. Defeat of the Villa forces, with heavy

oss, between Cabullona and Collonia Morelos is reported in advices to the Carranza agency here, as follows: "Advices from Gen. Plutarco Alias Calles, constitutionalist commander at Agua Prieta, states Villista forces un



VILLAGES NEAR OUTER FORTS OF DARDANELLES UNDER FIRE

Allied Fleet Resumes Bombardment-Petrograd Reports Success When Ships Shell Bosporus.

LONDON, March 31.—A Reuter's dispatch received from Constantinople by way of Berlin says the allied fleet has at Anadoli and Kavak and twenty-four fifteen houses have been damaged. resumed its bombardment of villages guns at the neighboring fort, Madjar-near the outer forts of the Darda- kall." incertain, nelles. Turkish aviators are making

positions, in which seaplanes co-operated. The Turkish reply was feeble.

Bosporus Operations. An official Russian communication tells of the operations of the Russian fleet against the Bosporus. It says:

"Monday morning our fleet approached the outer fortifications of the Bosporus, but was unable to continue th bombardment, as a fog shrouded the "One of our smaller ships exchanged shots with a Turkish destroyer, which made off at full speed for the Bosporus after the first shots." coasts.

Fliers Report Damage.

"Sunday's bombardment of the Bosporus," says the Daily News Petrograd correspondent, "was favored by fine weather, giving the aviators a clear the damage inflicted. The worst damage was done to Fort El- will require great exertion and occupy

Says Forts Did Not Reply.

A special dispatch received from The operations in the Dardanelles Constantinople says the first bombard-Sunday were confined to an intermit- ment of the Turkish fortifications on fleet consisted of the firing of 128 shots at the forts from a distance of seventeen kilometers (eleven miles). The forts did not reply to this fire. Notwithstanding the Turkish claim that practically no damage was done an Athens dispatch declares the Turks are repairing the damage done to the forts and concentrating troops in Smyrna.

Russian People Warned.

"A semi-official statement commenting on the Russian naval operations in the Bosporus, says the Daily Gov. Willis today for forty-three coun Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent. "warns the Russian people not to ex-pect the speedy success either of the The remaining vacancies w allies against the Dardanelles or the by additional appointments tonight. Russians against the Bosporus.
"This double attack, the statement

says, has been carefully co-ordinated. but it is recognized that the operations worst damage was done to Fort Elmas, where the twelve-inch guns of
the Russians demolished the old stone
batteries and the new earthworks
round the emplacements, where the
Germans recently had transferred some
of their guns. The garrison of Fort
Elmas fled, unable to stand the fire of
are manned with heavy guns."

TWO MORE BRITISH STEAMERS

given out today by the ministry of marine. in order to ram it with the bow. "Yesterday afternoon a French light

cruiser sighted a German submarine maneuvering on the surface off Dieppe. WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS MEET.

Gather in New York. NEW YORK, March 31.-One hundred woman suffragists from various parts of the United States gathered nere today to attend a meeting of the advisory council of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. The con-

Delegates From All Parts of U. S.

advisory council of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. The conferences were intended to perfect a national working organization of the congressional union.

Mrs. Harvey Wiley of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. S. M. B. Young of Monana, Mrs. Rheta Childe Dorr and others. had planned to discuss suffrage point of resigning. ers had planned to discuss suffrage point of resigning.

"The cruiser passed above the sub-marine at the moment the periscope dis-appeared, and from the spot where the submarine was last seen quantities of oil floated to the surface."

Belmont had invited the women to meet in her home afterward. NORWEGIAN CABINET SPLIT.

Differences Arise Over Reduction of

Military Preparations. LONDON, March 31 .- The Norwegian cabinet is endangered by differences of

German Fleet's Shells Kill Three,

Wound Seven and Destroy

LONDON, March 31 .- The Libau correspondent of Reuters Telegram Comresult of two bombardments of Libau fifteen houses have been damaged. Telegraph wires also have been wreck. ed and the steamer Baltica, in port,

SWEEPING CHANGE MADE.

Democratic Tax Assessors in Ohio Give Way to Republicans.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 31.-In ac cordance with a letter from Gov. Willis. moved all officials in charge of the taxation machinery in the eighty-eight counties of the state. Those removed are all democrats who were appointed under the administration of Gov. Cox. Appointments were announced by ties, the appointees in practically The remaining vacancies will be filled

Out Today! The Evening Star

War Pictorial

Up-to-the-minute news and hu-man-interest photographs from the centers of greatest interest in the war fields, reproduced in alternate brown and green tinted pages by the new rotogravure process, make this magazine at once instructive and of historic and artistic value.

"Her Song of Hate" is the frontispiece. A little mite had her favorite doll broken by a bomb dropped from a German airship into Colchester, England. She is denouncing the aerial invaders in unmeasured terms, while standing in the pit made by the explosion of the bomb.

A double-page Illustration is a vision drawing by Georne Scott. It represents a French soldier dying on the battlefield. He is comforted in his last moments by a vision of his mother, who whispers words of encouragement to him, and by the Figure of France, who awards her loyal son the palm of victory for duty nobly done.

There is a series of large photo-graphic reproductions of generals holding high positions with the British army. Continuing the series of pictures illustrative of the Capitals of the Warring Nations, there are a number of full-page views of Tokio and its temples and beauty spots.

Switzerland's national defense is the subject of some vivid and pic-turesque illustrations showing mili-tary movements as they are car-ried out in the mountain passes which have been known as the "Playground of the Old World."

Italy's preparations in case that nation is drawn into the toils of the conflict are shown in daring action pictures of the famous Italian cavalry known as the most daring in all Europe.

AND MANY OTHERS On All Newsstands

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AMERICAN NOTE IS IN PAGE'S HANDS

It is Expected Ambassador Will Present Reply to British Order Today.

GREAT INTEREST EVINCED BY THE DIPLOMATS HERE

Right to Trade With Neutrals. Ambassador Page at London had be

United States Stands Firmly for

ore him today the American note to creat Britain regarding the British order in council against commerce to nd from Germany. The communica tion was cabled to him last night by the State Department. It was expected that the ambassa for would present the note to the Brit

be made public simultaneously both in London and in Washington,
Pending the presentation of the con munication officials refused to reveal its contents. It is known, however, that the American government stands firmly for its rights to carry on legiti nate trade with neutrals, even though they be contiguous to the warring na

More Definite Information Hinted. Officials have pointed out, however, that the American government wanted nore definite information as to the radius of action of the allies' blockading fleets, and (that the question of Ing fleets, and that the question of whether the order in council was to be enforced under international law governing blockade or under the rules of contraband had not been answered. Diplomats of other neutral countries, particularly those of South and Central American governments, have displayed the greatest interest in the note. Several of them were among Secretary Bryan's callers. So far as could be learned, none gained any positive information as to the character of the document.

Southern Republics Waiting.

Since efforts to bring about joint repesentations regarding the rights of neutrals on the high seas falled it is understood that the South and Central American republics are anxious to move along lines set by the United States to

along lines set by the United States to establish their record which will form the basis of claims for damages suffered by their citizens through the activities of the allied fleets.

It was said at the State Department that the usual practice of awaiting judgment by the prize court was being followed in the case of the cargo of the American steamer Antilla, which was selzed last month. The records show that the steamer carried a quantity of lard and some machinery, both of which have been declared contraband by Great Britain. As to the ship herself, no reason for her detention, now that her cargo has been discharged, is known, and department officials expect her to be released very soon.

The views of the United States gov

ernment regarding the sinking by the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich

tire across the river with heavy losses.

Preparation of the document has been considerably delayed owing to the difficulty in securing adequate information regarding the ownership of the cargo of grain of the Frye, but it has now been established that this cargo was sold while the ship was on the high seas and before she was sunk. As the sale was not made to the British government, but to a private firmit is held that the liability of the German government for damages for its destruction is unquestionable.

RUSSIA INCREASES TARIFF.

Advance in Rates on Importations

10 to 50 Per Cent.

tire across the river with heavy losses. The cessation of fighting in Dukla pass lasted only twenty-four hours, Austrian newspapers report, the Russians then bringing up fresh reserves.

Fighting in the valley of the Ondava and Laborcza has recommenced, and now is in full swing, Vienna claims. The Austrian troops are fighting desperately, and the Russians, it is reported here, in spite of furious attacks with large forces, have not been able to gain their objective at any point for an invasion of Hungary. The fighting in the Carpathians is going on during a heavy rainfall.

The battle in Bukowina yesterday is reported to have resulted in favor of the Austrians.

10 to 50 Per Cent. Tariff rates on most articles import-

ed into Russia have been raised 10 per cent, while rates on certain cotton ing the operations on the German front increased from 30 to 50 per cent. American Consul North Winship, at Petrograd, has telegraphed that conventional rates on articles specified in the Russian commercial treaties with Austria-Hungary and Germany have been abolished. The general rates of the Russian tariff are consequently to be applied in the case of countries, including the United States, the products of which were formerly entitled to the reduced rates.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR CALLS

NEW YORK, March 31.—The East and West News Bureau has received the following dispatch from Tokio:
"The emperor has called for an extra session of the diet to open May 17 and continue for three weeks."

GERMAN AFRICAN CAMP CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH LONDON, March 31 .- A Cape Town

ispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says that a German camp at

in the history of the coal industry for March owing to the low stage of the local rivers, according to rivermen. More than three millon bushels of coal now await a rise. Nearly a score of big towboats are

Von Der Goltz Leaves Berlin.

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 31.

The Telegraaf says that Field Mar-

shal von der Goltz has left Berlin for

Field Marshal von der Goltz, according to previous dispatches, had gone to Berlin from Constantinople and had conferred with Emperor William regarding the plan of campaign

the main German headquarters.

today by Berlin, the German official

statement declaring that the czar's soldiers have been driven from the banks of the river north of Memel. The Russians also have been defeated near Taurboggen and have retreated in the direction of Szkaudrwly. Those in the direction of Szkaudrwly. Those sections of the Russian army which advanced during the last few days north of Augustowo against Teuton positions have been repulsed, according to Berlin. The Germans are said to have advanced into the lake

ONE CENT.

OF FOE ARE SLAIN, SAYS PETROGRAD

Germans at Lake Dusa Blamed on Generals.

Reported Terrible Slaughter of

LOSSES OF AUSTRIANS ARE PLACED AT 18,000

4,000 Annihilated in Less Than Hour Near Vereczke, It Is

Claimed. CARPATHIAN BATTLE GOES ON

Success of Russians Might Have ish foreign office today when it will Grave Political Consequences for Teutonic Peoples by Arousing Balkans.

> LONDON, March 31.-The battle of the Carpathian passes now rivals the bombardment of the Dardanelles in political possibilities. German experts assert that the efforts being made by Russia are of such vital importance politically that the supreme command of the Teutonic allies is justified in exerting every effort to check the invader there.

According to this view of the situation a sudden and dramatic influx of Muscovite hosts through the Carpathians into Hungary might stir the Balkan nations to action long before the tedious attack of the allied fleet on the Dardanelles attains anything approaching a definite result.

Whole divisions of Germans have been annihilated by the Russians in the fighting around Lake Dusa, Petrograd claims Austrian losses in recent fighting are declared to run high in the

Austrian Losses Huge.

Austrian losses in Lyutta valley and the day of March 28 are estimated at 18,000, according to dispatch es received by Swiss newspapers. These advices state that a column of 4,000 Representations to Be Sent to Germany Soon Now.

Many Soon Now

· Ambushed by Russians. It is reported from the Rumanian of the American ship William P. Frye frontier that a considerable Austrian finally have been put in the form of a force which crossed the River Pruth note, which, it is expected, will soon near Bojana Monday was ambushed be communicated to the German gov-ernment through Ambassador Gerard threacons the river with heavy losses.

Petrograd Breaks Silence.

The long silence in Petrograd concern fabrics and cotton yarns have been was broken today by an authentic report of a daring German maneuver in the Nie-American Consul North Winship, at men river district, which, according to this information, began abortively and

Pretations of the German plan, by a quick encircling movement of their left flank from the vicinity of Lake Duga and Lake Ninno to the rear. This, it was planned would cut off the retreat of the advancing Russians, and at the same time they would be outflanked.

Generals Make Mistake.

Overzealousness in achieving this aim led the German generals to throw a large part of their 21st Army Corps with three reserve regiments, amount ing, in all, to an entire corps, across the melting ice of Lake Dusa, before the middle group of the Russian forces had advanced sufficiently to assure the success of the proposed encircling maneuver.

Having surmounted the hazards of

pany says that a German camp at Plattben, fifty miles northeast of Ukamas, German Southwest Africa, has been captured by the British. It contained great quantities of supplies and horses and other livestock.

Low Water Holds Many Tons of Coal PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 31.—Coal shipments from this district during the present month have been the smallest in the history of the coal industry for

Claims Reverses for Czar. Reverses for aussians are claimed